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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: **SECURE TAX METER AND CERTIFIED SERVICE PROVIDER CENTER FOR COLLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON SALES THAT ARE MADE VIA THE INTERNET AND/OR CATALOG**

Enclosed are:

26 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

5 sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

An Information Disclosure Statement w/ attachments.

A Recordation of Assignment Request with attached copy of executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700 (original + 1).

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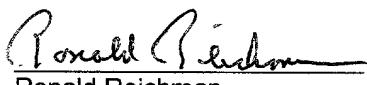
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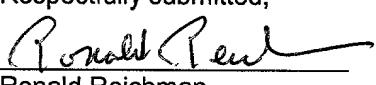
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Patent Application consisting of 26 pages and five (5) sheets of drawings; Declaration and Power of Attorney; Recordation of Assignment with attached copy of executed Assignment (original + 1); Information Disclosure Statement w/ attachments; Transmittal Letter (original + 1) and Return Receipt Postcard were deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on August 23, 2001, for delivery by Express Mail. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EK794131908US.

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